



Millennium Challenge Albania

Threshold Agreement BUSINESS REGISTRATION FACT SHEET

Establishing an Efficient and Transparent Business Registration Process



Businesses can download from the website (www.qkr.gov.al) all forms and instructions for completing business registration services at NRC.

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OVERVIEW

The Business Registration Component of the Millennium Challenge Albania Threshold Agreement project supports the Government of Albania (GoA) in providing "one-stop-shop" service for business registration through the establishment of the National Registration Center (NRC), featuring IT systems and one-day registration, permitting new businesses to also register simultaneously with the tax authorities, social insurance, and the labor inspectorate.

The two-year, \$13.85 million Millennium Challenge Albania Threshold Agreement between GoA and Millennium Challenge Corporation, administered by USAID, assists the GoA to improve performance in tax administration, public procurement, and business registration through IT solutions and new legislation.

MAIN ACTIVITIES

The Business Registration Component works to achieve the following results:

New Registration Framework Developed. The business registration law establishes the new commercial registry center and the one-stop-shop registration process.

NRC Established and Operationalized. This includes planning for NRC's staffing, building, and equipment, as well as transfer of current registries to the NRC.

Business Registration Process Streamlined and Integrated with IT. The electronic commercial system will have full interoperability with other GoA agencies. The public will have online access to services and information about the registration of their businesses.

Awareness of the New Legal Framework and Compliance Increased. The public is introduced to the new NRC concept and procedures through an intense nationwide campaign.

RESULTS TO DATE

- As required by the business registration law adopted by the Albanian Parliament on May 4th, NRC opened its headquarters in Tirana on September 3rd, 2007.
- NRC has in the meantime increased its service capacity from 4 service clerks to 26, in eight additional locations across Albania, at the municipalities of Tirana, Durrës, Elbasan, Korçë, Shkodër, Fier, Gjirokastra and Kukës, with more planned to open.
- Work for the Electronic Commercial Registry is completed with all the pre-NRC juridical and physical person registry files digitized, with information being publicly accessible online at NRC website: www.qkr.gov.al.
- The NRC website provides easy access to application forms and instructions for all NRC services, as well as to the bulletin of daily registrations.
- The countrywide public education campaign about NRC services that took place during autumn 2007, informed businesses about progress in business registration in Albania.